

To the Members of the Federal Communications  
Commission :

I firmly believe that Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force member stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of media manipulation and illegal distribution of propaganda.

Sinclair is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when the media is held by large, for-profit conglomerates, the emphasis is on profits and not what is best for democracy. Instead of airing programming that satisfies corporate interests, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter to those communities.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Citizens deserve to have unbiased reporting and programming appropriate to their communities. Sinclair is falling short on both. Thank you.

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